COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY

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NSTAR GAS COMPANY)	
LOAD FORECAST AND RESOURCE)	
PLAN FOR 2005/2006)	D.T.E 05-46
THROUGH 2009/2010)	
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KEYSPAN ENERGY DELIVERY NEW ENGLAND PETITION FOR LIMITED PARTICIPANT STATUS

KeySpan Energy Delivery New England¹ ("KeySpan" or the "Company"), pursuant to 220 C.M.R. 1.03, hereby petitions the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") for limited participant status in the above-captioned proceeding. In support of this request, KeySpan states the following:

- 1. The KeySpan companies are Massachusetts corporations located at 52 Second Avenue, Waltham, MA 02451.
- 2. The KeySpan companies are gas companies, as defined in G.L. c. 164, § 1, and are regulated by the Department, pursuant to G.L. c. 164.
- 3. KeySpan, as a regulated gas utility is required to file for Department review and approval a five-year load forecast and resource plan to ensure a necessary energy supply for the Commonwealth with a minimum impact on the environment at the lowest possible cost.

The Massachusetts local distribution companies that do business as KeySpan Energy Delivery New England are Boston Gas Company, Colonial Gas Company and Essex Gas Company.

4. The Department's investigation in this proceeding is likely to raise issues dealing

with load forecasting and resource requirements that are common to other gas utilities in

Massachusetts, including KeySpan.

5. KeySpan's limited participant status will not jeopardize the Department's review.

6. KeySpan's interests are unique and cannot be adequately represented by any other

party.

7. Accordingly, KeySpan seeks to take part as a limited participant in this case and

where appropriate to file comments, attend and participate in technical conferences, submit

briefs, and to participate in this proceeding in any other manner deemed appropriate for limited

participants by the Hearing Officer.

8. Counsel for NStar Gas has been contacted and has indicated that NStar Gas does

not object to KeySpan being granted limited participant status.

Wherefore, KeySpan respectfully requests that the Department grant this Petition for

Limited Participant Status.

Respectfully submitted

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